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**Title:     PERFORMING BRANCHED ROLLUP FOR SHARED LEARNING  
              COMPETENCIES IN A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (as amended)**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

This paper is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated October 9, 2008 and concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. Prior to examination of the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.